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### **FIRE DAMAGED EARLY WARNING SYSTEM RESTORED IN FARNAM WITH HELP OF USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Farnam, Neb., August 9, 2005**—The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded \$3,080 to the Village of Farnam for installation of a new radio control system for its existing early warning siren. Village's radio controls and timer were lost earlier in the year to fire. New system will allow for Village activation, providing adverse weather and emergency notification to over 200 rural residents. The Farnam Volunteer Fire Department and Farnam Rural Fire Protection District completed project funding with \$2,530.

"USDA Rural Development is pleased to assist Farnam in restoring their alert system that offers protection to its' residents in times of emergency," stated Lennis Hodgson, area director for USDA Rural Development.

USDA funding received via the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant program. For additional information contact Lennis Hodgson, (308) 237-3118, (402) 437-5093 (TDY); [lennis.hodgson@ne.usda.gov](mailto:lennis.hodgson@ne.usda.gov); 4009 North 6th Avenue, PO Box 730, Kearney, Neb. 68848-0730. Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/>.

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